

The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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LIFE -- JOY -- PLEASURE

By Evangelist Eddie Wagner

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."—Psa. 16:11.

What is the main thing that you are seeking? That is a personal question, but I want it to be just that. Regardless of what you are seeking, it will be found under one of the following heads: Life, Joy, or Pleasure. And, thank God, all of these are found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Why go to the world when Christ gives you everything that you may desire?

Life

Life is something that every person is seeking. None of us like to think of death, but we all have to face it. Where can I find life? There is only one place, or rather one person who can give life, and that person is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ said in John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Christ did not come to be a good teacher. He did not come to leave us a good example. He did not come to show us how to treat our neighbors. He came that poor lost, doomed sinners could have life. You say, "But I am not a sinner." Listen to what the Word of God says in Romans 3:23, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." And all means you. Again the Bible says in I John 1:8, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us," and "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). That is your position outside of Christ. "Dead in trespasses and sins." But, thank God, the Lord Jesus Christ will forgive you of every sin, will save you, and will give you life if you will only turn to Him.

Listen to John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:36 says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting

life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Do you want life? The only person who can give you life is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ was on His way to the tomb of a man who had been dead for four days. As He talked to Martha, the sister of the dead man, He told her that her brother should rise again. Tearful and heartsick, Martha said, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Listen to the answer that Jesus made to her: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were

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Evangelist Eddie Wagner

WHAT ABOUT

Farm Cooperatives, Farm Subsidies, Etc.?

By the Editor

A good Christian brother from De Long, Illinois, writes some questions which are of general interest to farmers. And as an American citizen and a Christian I am glad to answer these questions the best I can. Here is my answer:

Dear Brother P—:

I was grateful for your good letter of August 18, asking my position on the Farm Bureau, the Agricultural Extension Work, and "the various producer and consumer cooperatives." I will try to answer your letter briefly but as clearly as I can.

1. I believe it is proper and right for the government to have experiment stations, help control pests, etc., to do a work for farmers which will help the whole country and make for general prosperity. The best methods of seeding, remedies for diseases of plants and animals, experiments in the best crops for certain areas, etc., I think properly may be done by the government, because they benefit the whole nation and make for general prosperity. I think the government may do the same kind

of thing for manufacturers, and for business in general. That is part of the government's business. I think, in making for peace and happiness, as a servant of the people, but not controlling the people, nor subsidizing their business.

2. I think farmers certainly have a right to unite for their own business into organizations for better marketing and for cheaper quantity buying. For example, I do not think it is wrong for farmers to join either a consumer cooperative for buying large quantities of seed, feed, machinery, etc. and I do not think it is wrong for the farmers, for example, who sell oranges to have a marketing association. BUT I DO NOT THINK SUCH ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM

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God's Program in Revival

By Rev. J. C. Masee, D.D.
Former Pastor, Tremont Temple, Boston

Malachi, Chapter 3

Malachi was probably a contemporary of Ezra and Nehemiah. "Malachi" is perhaps not a proper name. It may mean just "The Messenger." But whether personal or impersonal, the message of Malachi is a message which fits the circumstances under which we live and labour. His was a period at the climax of the apostasy of Israel and Judah which had resulted in exile and seventy years of Babylonian captivity. Under Ezra and Nehemiah, an effort is being made to rebuild the walls of the Temple at Jerusalem, and to re-establish the Temple-worship; a remnant of the exiles having returned. Drastic reforms are being proposed in order to revive the ancient ritual and the glory of Israel, and to assure once more the favour of God upon the chosen but desolated people. They are required to correct their personal habits of conduct and to readjust their domestic relations, even to the extent of putting away foreign wives. Account is taken of their financial obligations to God and His worship. Demands are made for the complete separation of the people of God from the wicked. Warnings and promises are blended in one mightily moving appeal for righteousness, truth and service to Jehovah, the God of Israel.

What more fitting setting, what more apt message could possibly be imagined for our day and our situation than this message! To us, as to those of ancient days, God outlines the means by which revival may be obtained and His favour experienced.

The message of Malachi is not an easy message, but if it wound, let it be remembered that "faithful are the wounds of a friend." If it bruise, its bruising is designed for ultimate healing. It is the surgical operation without which only death can ensue, with which there is a promise of life. Let us then hear the message.

The Promise

"The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." That is ever the attitude of God toward earnest people. "Ye shall find me when ye seek me with the whole heart" is the word of encouragement announced in varying language by Jehovah of the Old Testament to sinning Israel. "Seek and ye shall find. Ask and ye shall receive. Knock and it shall be opened unto you" is the promise of Jesus, the Jehovah of the New Testament. To all who realize their needs, in hunger and thirst after righteousness, God is always ready to give. He is not like the inconstant moon, shining now and darkened then, yielding now a quarter-light, or a half-light, and, only occasionally, full-light. No: He is like the sun which rises in constant glory day after day and in unflinching splendour floods the world with light and warmth and life. And if His face be hid at all, and his light be not seen, it is because some earthly shadow, or some low shadowing cloud of earth intervenes.

God is unchanging and unchangeable. It is His glory to give, as it is His nature to give. A stream of beneficence is ever flowing forth from Him. His mercy endures forever. He manifests Himself in Jesus Christ and whenever men approach Him in the conditions He makes, He makes known both Himself and

His blessing to them. "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."

Revival, under God's conditions, is an absolute and assured certainty. We need not hesitate to claim it, nor fear to expect it. God is not slack concerning His promises. The Church in travail of penitence and prayer will bring forth children to her Lord. "The Lord, whom ye seek, will suddenly come to his temple."

The Warning

"But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap."

The revival must begin in judgment. It is always so. Many of

God's children think of a revival in terms of spiritual ecstasy, of overflowing joy. They have a right to think of it in these terms in the ultimate, and, of course, faith is ever prophetic, looking forward to the final manifestations of God. But the beginnings of revival are in judgment, heart searching; in condemnation of conscience; in sorrow of soul; in reformation of life. "If judgment begin at the house of God, where shall the sinner and the ungodly appear?" "When the Holy Spirit is come to you [the Church] he will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment." God can, and will, save sinners apart from the ministry of the Church. He will find a messenger, if need be. But if the Church seek to be used, then the Church must consent to the judgment of its own life.

Lay down the level. Drop the plumb. Apply the test. Set forth the scales. Approach him with prayer. "Search me, oh God, and prove me and see if there be any wicked way in me. Lead me in the way everlasting." Jesus Christ lighteth every man, that is, He sets him in the light. He exposes him to the light. God cannot consent to use an unclean vessel. There must be cleansing, renewal. The judgments of God are as the judgments of fire. "He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap." He will sit as a refiner. He will fulfill the penitential prayer of David: "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin... Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow." Here is no rinsing process, but the kneading, scrubbing, breaking, contriving process of a penitent's confession, cleansing, and renewal.

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MORE ABOUT

Crowns For Christians

By Dr. H. A. Ironside,
Late pastor Moody Memorial Church, Chicago



(Last week we ran the first part of this wonderful message by Dr. H. A. Ironside on "Crowns of Reward for Christians." Dr. Ironside showed that salvation and rewards are two distinct lines of truth, but that a Christian may earn "an incorruptible crown," "the crown of rejoicing," "the crown of righteousness," "the crown of life," and "the crown of glory." Now read the rest of the great message. Ed.)

"The Crown of Life"

The next victor's wreath of which I would speak is the crown of life, concerning which we read in two distinct passages. James 1:12 tells us,

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

And in Revelation 2:10 the Lord comforts the church in Smyrna with the words,

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

It is noteworthy that in each of these passages we have suffering saints in view: children of God exposed to bitter trial, even going to the length of intense, malignant

persecution by Satan's emissaries. God could easily hinder these cruel foes; He could quench the fierce flames of affliction; He could turn back these overwhelming floods of sorrow. But He chooses rather to enable His tested ones to overcome in the day of trial than to free them from trouble. And this not because He takes any delight in the anguish of His distressed people, but because this very tribulation is a means of discipline which results in lasting blessing "to those who are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:11). He sits by the firing-pot and watches intently till He sees His own countenance reflected in the melted silver. He walks with His persecuted ones in the furnace, though it be heated seven times more than ordinary. And "He giveth more grace," that they who look to Him may suffer and endure.

Then when the day of manifestation comes He will bestow with His own once-pierced Hand the crown of life, upon all who have fought and overcome.

When afflicted with a thorn in the flesh—"a messenger of Satan" sent to buffet him (lest he should be exalted above measure because

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The Gospel at a Glance

By Charles L. Ramsay



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God's Program in Revival

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Where the Revival Begins

"He will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto Jehovah offerings in righteousness." That is, God proposes to begin the revival with the official group in Israel. And the revival must begin in the church with its officials. The revival-tides will rarely rise higher than the tide of revival in the heart of the pastor, and deacons, Sunday School superintendent, officers and teachers. "He will purify the sons of Levi." If a church wishes a revival it must begin it in the heart of its official family. "The Lord whom ye seek."

Do we seek Him? Are we in earnest about it? Is there travail of soul for His presence? Is there a hunger and thirst after righteousness for ourselves? Can we wish to account ourselves accursed unto God for our kinsman according to the flesh? Or for others thus committed to our keeping? Dare we confess now our personal, official and individual responsibility to God for the salvation of our community?

Gipsy Smith was once asked how to begin a revival. He replied: "Brother, go home. Lock yourself in your room. Kneel down in the middle of your floor. Draw a chalk mark all around yourself and ask God to start the revival inside the chalk mark. When He has answered your prayer, the revival will be on."

There is no place in the Church of Christ for an unspiritual officer—for an official who has no passion for souls. Certainly there

is no place in the Church for an official in any capacity whose life is unclean, whose conduct is a reproach, whose attitude, or associations justly invite criticism, suspicion, distrust. Such a man puts a millstone around the neck of the Church. He brings an evil report of his Lord. He is a traitor to the cause of Christ. Let such repent and openly confess his backsliding. "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him return unto the Lord...for He will abundantly pardon." Jehovah is gracious. He will refine and purify. "Then shall the offerings be pleasant unto Jehovah, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years."

Who Next?

The directions of God's thought are tremendously challenging. He begins with the official family—the sons of Levi—but He by no means stops there. One would anticipate that He would move down in the church life through successive grades. Not so. From the center He sweeps out to the circumference and deals with that ragged fringe of professing Christians, who while having church membership, live in utter unworthiness of Christian life. Hear the stern, Sinai voice: "And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers; and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the

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Around the World With the Sword

By Editor John R. Rice

Ministers and Missionaries Subscription Fund Blesses Christian Workers in Many Foreign Lands and at Home

Mail comes from around the world to the Sword of the Lord office regularly. THE SWORD OF THE LORD goes, according to a recent count, to eighty-one foreign countries besides the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia.

It happens that most of the countries of the world are very poor and most countries pass laws to forbid the sending of money outside their own country. England has such a rule as does Japan, the Philippine Islands, British colonies of Africa, and many other foreign countries. Hence, it is very difficult for Christian workers in many of these countries to send money for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Some of them are supplied with subscriptions to this paper through our Ministers and Missionaries Subscription Fund. Many hundreds of preachers in country places who have small salaries; of retired ministers with very little income; of ministerial students who would not otherwise be able to take THE SWORD OF THE LORD, are supplied through this Ministers and Missionaries Subscription Fund. From all around the world come reports of the blessings THE SWORD brings. We will give you here a number of letters. Many of these letters are from readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD who get the paper through some Christian's lovely gift. Other letters are printed to show how THE SWORD OF THE LORD is a blessing wherever it goes.

Younger Generation in Japan at Crossroads

Below is a most moving letter from a young Japanese man. He wrote to us earnestly for help. We sent him THE SWORD OF THE LORD in answer to his earnest plea. Now here is his letter in response.

"The Sword of the Lord Office
 Sir:

"I thank heartily for your kindness of sending the newspaper THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It is very happy for me to read each of it; my mind has gradually begun to open eyes for the true human life by it.

"In Japan many lofty missionaries are preaching the gospel for the poor-minded people. I am, also, only one of them, so I am listening to the voice of the Lord through the preaching of the Evangelical Alliance missionaries who are in very noble mind.

"I am very glad to associate with such very fine missionaries and have opportunity to read such a fine newspaper; even the blind-minded as me will be able to open eyes for the spiritual life by them.

"Now young Japanese generation stands at the very serious position. Since the end of war, its peculiar belief was destroyed to

pieces; so that nihilism has come to the front of him, and the other side, communism has rapidly gained power, for most of people only had the right to starvation when the war ended, moreover communism seemed to have some truth in its theory.

"Thus we young generation now stands before a storm, the center of which near and far comes to us. Our helm of mind is being moved up and down in proportion to the approach of the storm.

"In such a time a poor-minded man as me seeks eagerly the light of the truth.

"I thank you heartily for your kindness. I pray may such a nice paper give the light of the Spirit for the blind-minded and the salvation for the miserable.

"Yours sincerely,

"(Signed) Tetsuroh, Soga

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"20th, June, 1951"

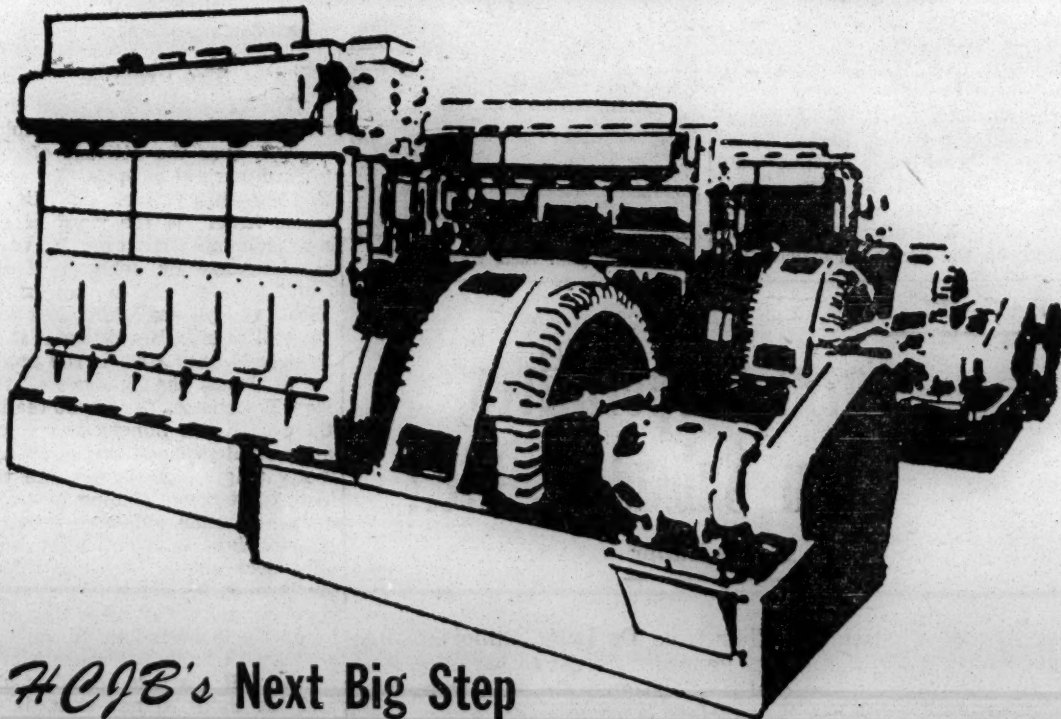
The language may seem a little quaint. He learned English in school, though he is a native Japanese. But he is a good example of the open heart and the hungry heart of millions of Japanese who read English and would like to have THE SWORD OF THE LORD but can send no money for it. Pray that the paper may be a blessing to him and to others who read it in Japan.

We remind you that in Japan there are some eighteen hundred

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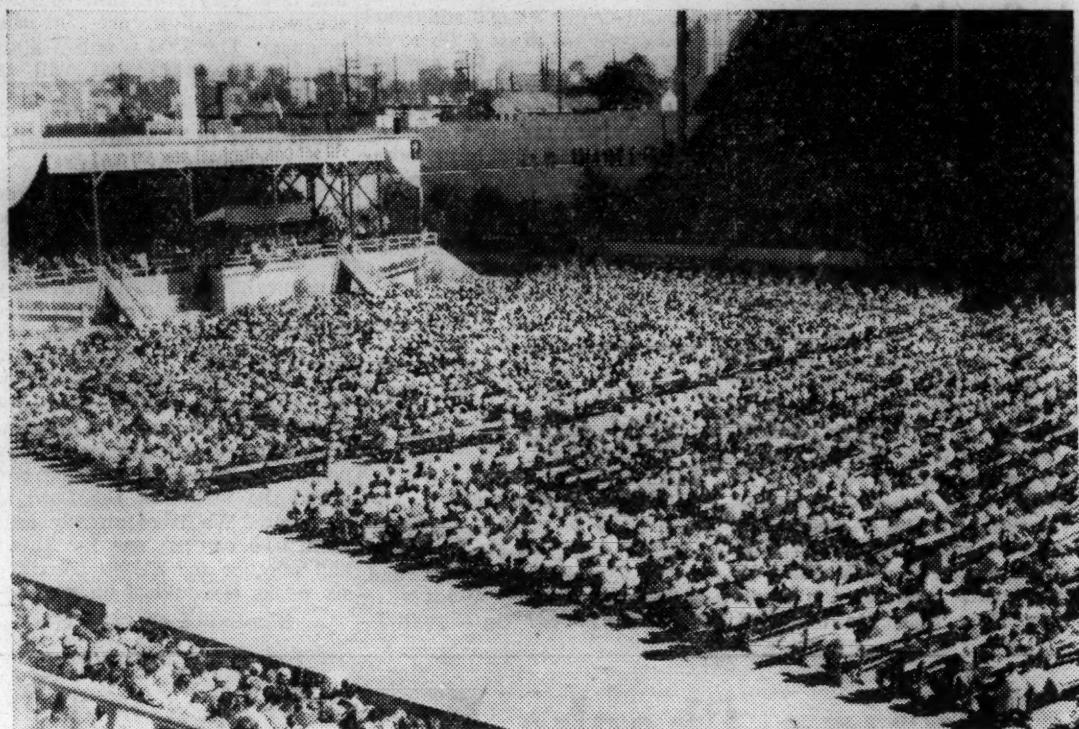
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*Jeremiah 33:3

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS
By the Editors

Billy Graham Revival Crowd at Greater Seattle Crusade



More than 300 Seattle churches and Christian organizations have united to sponsor the Seattle campaign, led by Evangelist Billy Graham. At the end of the third week, Evangelist Billy Graham had seen a nightly average estimated attendance of 11,525. The average nightly response to the invitation was 123 through the same three-week period. Of that number, the first-time decisions for Christ were between 60 per cent and 70 per cent. The campaign closed on September 2. A full report of results will be given later in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.



DR. BOB COOK, Moody '30, is president of Youth for Christ International and associate pastor of Chicago's Midwest Bible Church. Experience with young people, gained through travel that has taken him to many parts of the world, well qualifies Dr. Bob to speak on the problems and training of modern youth.

"My father was right..."

"'Boy,' he said, 'you want to be an auto mechanic.' That's okay if that is the job God has for you. But whether you are a mechanic or a minister, you'll be better at the job after a year or two at Bible School."

"I'll finance you to a year at Moody Bible Institute and you can fill your heart and mind full of the Word of God. Then we can see what the Lord has for you as a life work. What do you say?"

"What did I say?—what could I lose? Sure, I'd take him up on it!"

"So, I landed at MBI—wrenches, reamers, micrometers and all—and stayed until I was graduated in 1930. Moody did two things for me: It taught me that the basis of all preaching is 'What does the Bible say?' and that the basis of all Christian work is evangelism—the pull for souls."

"I pray God that the twofold passion—for God's truth and for precious souls—may always burn bright in my soul."

"Today, though she might be satisfied with looking back to a glorious past, the school that D. L. Moody founded is keeping up with every modern approach to gospel presentation . . . films, radio, planes, science . . . all geared to the old-time message of salvation."

"For today's teen-agers, I can think of no better word than that which my father spoke to me: 'No matter what the Lord's will is for you, you'll be better off in any field after Bible school.'"

"Yes—looking back over 20 years in the Christian ministry and seven years of working with young people—I know my father was right!"



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Jim Mercer in Great Campaign Vashon Island, Washington

On August 13 Jim Mercer closed the greatest evangelistic campaign ever held on Vashon Island, Washington. Gus Ambrose, Youth for Christ director of Toronto, Canada, was the song leader. Cooperating pastors and others praised the campaign as shown in portions of the following letters:

The Rev. Art Nelson, Church of God and chairman of the Vashon Island Ministerial Association, sponsor of the campaign: "There were 18 conversions that will come to our church as a result of this meeting and one family was just here whom we believe will start to come. Many more told me so yesterday. We feel that revival is really to continue in our church."

The Rev. Paul D. Brown, Vashon Island and Cove Methodist: "... This has been the third such campaign that I have had a part in during my ministry on Vashon Island and, from the reports of others who have lived here for many years, it has been without doubt the greatest revival ever held."

The Rev. H. Nordeng, Golgotha Lutheran church, Colvos: "The Spirit of God was present in mighty, convicting power. Many precious souls were brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ; Christians were awakened to their responsibility to win souls for God, and many lives were rededicated for the Master's use . . . We thank God who sent you here to help us gather in some of his ripe ones. God has blessed you with a special gift to use the sickle, and we'll pray that He shall strengthen you for this great work in His vineyard."

C. J. Ramquist, chairman of the Vashon Island Christian Business Men's Committee: "I want to say to the praise of God and His faithfulness that the campaign you have ended here on Vashon Island at the high school auditorium was the greatest and most successful in the 35 years I have lived here—both as to numbers in attendance and in numbers of decisions for Christ. The effect upon Christians, moved by the Holy Ghost, as they

confessed sin in their lives and, under His direction, promised to live for Him, serve Him, witness for Him, and to live lives pleasing to Him was something which shall thrill me forever. Surely Vashon Island will be different for this reason only, if there had been no other result. But, praise the Lord, scores were saved, many for whom we had and have been praying for years . . ."

"Just now a group of people from a Catholic community have asked for one of the preachers to come and preach for them Sunday nights. So the Lord continues to work here on Vashon Island and I fully expect He will continue to work in hearts. The final chapter cannot be written until we meet the Lord in the air . . ."

Keeping Posted
WHERE TO SEE AND HEAR
Evangelist
JOHN R. RICE

September 16-30

Pensacola, Florida

Brent Baptist Church

Oct. 14-Nov. 4

Albany, New York

City-wide campaign, to be held in large Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Nov. 18-Dec. 2

Harlingen, Texas

Tent campaign, sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. John B. Wilder, pastor.

Around the World

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native pastors of Christian churches. Most of these pastors were trained in modernistic schools. There is very little fundamental Christian literature available in Japan. There are books by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, and by other socialists and semi-modernists and modernists, but very little Christian literature. We had Missionary Timothy Pietsch write to these eighteen hundred native Japanese pastors and ask them, first, if they could read the English language and, second, if they would like to have THE SWORD OF THE LORD sent to them. Of the eighteen hundred more than one thousand responded, earnestly requesting that the paper be sent to them. We put them on through the Ministers and Missionaries Subscription Fund. Many wonderful letters have come from these pastors about THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Below is a sample.

"My dear Dr. John R. Rice:

"I suppose you are still very diligent in your work under the grace of the Lord.

"Thank you very much that you send to me often THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I am reading it with my big interest every time. And it benefit me very, very much. I have a small Christian group with the younger school boys, and we have a good party with your press. They use it as a study for English, too.

"Well, I have found a good book which I wish to read it in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It is The Soul-Winner's Fire. However, we Japanese cannot get it at the market, so I want to order it from the States. But, I cannot send the Japanese money to the States. It means it is not approved to send the money. My dear Dr. Rice, could you help me?

"I never ask you that I will get it without any expense, but

would you kindly search any fine method for I receive it.

"It shall be excellent thing for my mission work when I get it. I am very, very sorry I asked you such a difficult thing. But I believe that you can find out some good method for me.

"I wish you good health and good luck.

"(Signed). Rev. Peter M. Wakuda
"Tokyo, Japan"

Fortunately, the Soul-Winner's Fire has been translated into Japanese and we were able to tell him where to secure it. Other books, Is Jesus God?, Bible Facts About Heaven, Hell, What the Bible Says About It, etc. have been translated and more than a million copies of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" have been printed in Japanese.

Don't you want to help send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to such hungryhearted pastors who have had little chance at evangelical Christian literature?

A missionary, Rev. W. A. Powell, writes from Japan as follows:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Col. 3:16.

"The Evangelical Alliance Mission through the literature committee is planning the publishing of a monthly magazine for the Japanese Christians. We are expecting to begin with the September issue. The form of this magazine will be something like that of the Christian Digest and our aim is to put it on the highest plane possible as to spiritual emphasis. At first, at least about half of the material will be translated articles. We would like to use some of the fine articles from THE SWORD OF THE LORD if that is permissible. In some cases, we would even like the privilege

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\$3,813.87 More Allotted Free Literature

\$1,713.87 Additional Sent Japan

\$600 for Printing "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" In Two Languages in India

\$500 for First Printing of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" by Inter-Mission Committee in Portugal

\$300 Assigned for Printing Booklets in Spanish

\$700 for Free Literature in English

By the Editor

We want you to rejoice with us. Today, September 4, we have mailed the four checks pictured on this page to Japan, India, and Portugal, and set aside \$1,000 for printing in Spanish and English, the booklet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" \$1,713.87 goes to Japan. Rev. Kenneth G. McVety, as agent for the Evangelical Alliance Mission and the Sword of the Lord, with the cooperation of nine other groups of missionaries, will proceed with the printing of another large edition of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

Doors Still Wide Open in Japan

In a letter of August 23, Brother McVety wrote as follows:

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Ota ku, Tokyo, Japan
August 23, 1951

"Dr. John R. Rice,
214 W. Wesley Street
Wheaton, Illinois

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Thank you for your letter of July 18, and the enclosed check for \$1,134.00. It certainly causes great rejoicing to our hearts to know that another printing of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' will soon be possible. The call for this booklet in recent weeks has been simply overwhelming, and the response from those receiving the booklets very heartening. I personally count it a great privilege to be able to share with you and others in this vital ministry.

"Since receiving the money mentioned above, we have been negotiating with various companies regarding an adequate supply of paper at the lowest possible prices. The Lord has been guiding, and there is a good prospect that an exceptional opportunity will materialize within the next few days.

"From August 11 to August 20 it was my privilege to be in Karuizawa, where about three hundred evangelical missionaries from all parts of Japan gathered for the Conference of the Evangelical Missions Association of Japan, and for a conference for the Deepening of the Spiritual Life. The Lord granted a very precious time of fellowship and inspiration. We received a large number of orders for the booklet 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?', and were glad to have some on

hand to send out to these missionaries who come from all sections of the country and from a large number of missionary organizations. However, the supply was far short of being sufficient to fill the large number of requests. In most cases, we have had to reduce each order by at least one-half. If they had been available, an additional 200,000 copies could have been sent out within the past week.

"In compliance with the request from your office, some of the booklets have been sent to the Bob Jones University Alumni members in Japan, and to several other individuals whose names you sent to us. Other shipments have been sent to: Pocket Testament League, Youth for Christ, American Soul Clinic, Conservative Baptist Mission, Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, The Evangelical Alliance Mission, Tokyo Bible Center, Christian and Missionary Alliance, several Pentecostal groups, and several Presbyterian and Mennonite groups.

"You will be interested to know, as well, that your books which have been published in Japanese are meeting with a very good response. A catalogue has been published which includes an announcement of your seven books and booklets, as well as the tract WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? Orders come to us constantly from many missionaries and native workers all over Japan. As you know, we are handling these books on an entirely non-profit basis, using the proceeds from the sale of books to put out new editions.

"As soon as we hear from you again, we will be prepared to go ahead with the next edition of

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? Even an edition of 300,000 copies, however, will not last long. Could we not look to the Lord for a subsequent edition of at least 500,000 copies in the near future?

"While we realize the importance of putting the Gospel message into the hands of the Japanese people, we are constantly reminded, too, that it is 'not by might, nor by power, but BY MY SPIRIT, saith the Lord of hosts' that lasting results will be realized. Especially the many enquiring letters received day after day remind us of the great need for the work of the Holy Spirit to be done

in hearts to bring real conviction of sin, repentance, and regeneration. Please continue to plead with the people at home encouraging them to uphold in fervent, believing prayer the dire spiritual needs of the Japanese people. We need a heaven-sent, Holy Ghost REVIVAL here in Japan. Nothing less will effectively break through the terrible darkness of heathenism in this land.

"Yours for Revival in Japan,
Kenneth G. McVety."

We are so glad to add \$1,713.87 more to what Mr. McVety has already been sent. We hope this will print nearly 300,000 additional copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Japanese. We are impressed and burdened when Brother McVety writes, "However, the supply was far short of being sufficient to fill the large number of requests. In most cases, we have had to reduce each order by at least one-half. If they had been available, an additional 200,000 copies could have been sent out within the past week."

We also add our appeal that readers would join us in praying for a Holy Ghost, Heaven-sent revival in Japan. All our work and that of the missionaries would be useless without the power of the Holy Spirit.

\$500 to Portugal

Last week we published a letter from ten missionaries in Portugal, pleading for help to print and distribute the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in that little

country in Europe with thirty million people. Weeks ago Brother Oliveira, veteran missionary working with the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Board, wrote that he was translating the booklet. Now we have sent \$500 for the initial printing, and sound, Bible-believing missionaries of a group of mission boards want help to distribute this soul-saving gospel booklet.

We should remember also that Brazil, some portions of Africa and other Portuguese colonies speak the Portuguese language and it is very important to have soul-winning literature in this language. The \$500 is only a start for the literature that will be needed.

Help Sent to Two Missionary Groups in India

Some time ago when Dr. Fred Jarvis visited India en route home from Japan, missionaries told him of the great need for simple, Scriptural, evangelistic literature which could be distributed in large quantities among the hungry hearts in India. A representative committee was formed of Evangelical Alliance, Baptist, Youth for Christ, and Christian and Missionary Alliance Missionaries. They prayed, made up an offering and asked the Sword of the Lord to cooperate. We have already sent them two checks: one for \$1,081 and another for \$1000. (A cable six weeks ago told of unusual op-

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FOOD CRISIS IN PALESTINE

Hebrew Christians in Israel Suffer Doubly



Rev. Jacob Peltz

Hundreds of thousands of Jews entering the new State of Israel during the past three years have made food critically short. This is causing multitudes in the Holy Land to suffer. The pitiful appeals for help we are receiving reveal the plight of Hebrew Christians as especially appalling. The following letter describes the awful condition of some of the Jewish believers in Christ:

"My wife and I are Hebrew Christians. We came to Israel from England two years ago. As servants of the Lord Jesus we try to bring the salvation of the true Messiah to all that will lend an ear. For this we are enduring hardships, persecution and social boycott. I have a hard time to find work. Support for my wife and child comes from the poorly paid wages of an occasional day's hard work as common laborer. My wife has lost weight. We are both undernourished beyond recognition.

Our abode consists of a small, one-room wooden hut. Never before have we had to ask of others or tell our need except to God. Please send us essential and sustaining food. May the Lord make you see the position we (Hebrew Christians) are in among thousands of rejectors of the Saviour."

Please help alleviate the misery and distress of our Lord's brethren. These Hebrew Christians will be a potent witness for Christ if we encourage and help them. Please send your gift now.

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Strange Short Stories

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson

A Fountain Pen

In many ways, the Christian may be likened to a fountain pen. This pen is not a natural growth; it is not found in the woods, it does not grow on plants, nor is it dug from the earth. Some intelligent being conceived the idea and then produced it in its present form. So the Christian is not a natural product. He is born as a sinner, he loves to sin and is not naturally a Christian either in heart or in practice. God must make a Christian and He does this through the saving work of Christ Jesus and the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.

The fountain pen is made to be used. It has a purpose in life. No one intended that it should lie about on the table or on the floor unused and with no value. It has a definite work to perform in life and is made by its maker in such a way that it will do the work intended for it. So God has equipped the Christian with those talents and gifts which will enable him to carry out God's will and God's plan in God's way and in God's time.

The pen is subject to the will and the wish of its owner. He may cast it aside for a while or he may use it continuously day by day. The pen should never complain if it is not being always used, nor should it ever find fault with its owner because he uses it too much or too little, or at the wrong hour of the day. The pen is committed to the will of its master without arguing and without faultfinding.

No pen will write by itself. A hand must hold it. That hand must be guided by a thinking mind. The pen produces nothing original. It only transcribes on the paper the thoughts and the desires of its owners, so it must be with the believer. In the hand of our Lord, we shall be instruments whereby He can write on human hearts the story of His love and grace from His holy Word.

No pen can write of its own volition or desire. There must be placed within it the ink, for it is

by means of the ink that the impressions of the owner are placed upon the paper. This ink represents the Holy Spirit. The believer is dipped in that gracious Spirit and writes on hearts by means of that Spirit. A dry pen will not write and neither will an unspiritual Christian. The point of the pen may be of gold, but even so it must be dipped in ink. The gold point cannot do what only the ink can do. Paul said that, "Like a pen he was writing on human hearts." He specifically mentioned that the letter was written, "not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God" (2 Cor. 3:3). The pen must be kept well supplied with ink and frequently filled if it is to be always ready for the service of its owner. The Christian, too, must be constantly filled for the Master's use.

The story that the pen writes must be worth reading. It must be a good story worth the time of the reader. It must be a profitable message. It must be written legibly and plainly that it may be easily read by those who are in a hurry or by the uneducated. The story should begin kindly and should end graciously.

The pen should not scratch the paper on which it is writing, else a scar and a mar will remain which will bring dishonor on the fair name of this fountain pen and its owner. Such marks are not

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of the abundance of the revelation he had received when caught up to the third heaven), Paul tells us he besought the Lord thrice that he might be delivered from the trial. But the answer came, saying in effect: I will not take the thorn out of your flesh, Paul; but I will do something even better for you than that; I will give you grace to bear it, and to glorify Me in it.

"My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness!"

And Paul at once ceases to cry out for deliverance, but exclaims with chastened confidence,

"Most gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

He was but living out what he elsewhere tells his fellow-saints when he says,

"We glory in tribulation also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."—Rom. 5:3-5.

easily erased. Such damage is not easily repaired. How careful we should be in writing on the hearts of others so that we leave a clean white sheet, not soiled with blots and splashes, not injured by scratching and tearing! The damage done in a few moments may never be repaired in years.

This pen should lend itself readily to the hand of the one who holds it. It should write heavy or light, as he may desire to press it down. It should always write as he picks it up and never be out of humor or filled with something else besides the ink. It should have such a smooth point that it would make beautiful letters and be attractive to the eye of the one who reads the story.

Some hearts, like some paper, must be written upon very carefully. Some paper is very soft and somewhat rough so that the fountain pen would need to be very cleverly handled to prevent the ink from spreading and the paper from tearing. Other paper is so glossy and highly polished that the pen may have some difficulty in making an impression that will be legible. The wise writer will know just how to use the pen as it lies in the hand of its owner, yielded and still. May the Lord make each of us a fountain pen, filled with good ink, His Holy Spirit, and ready for the Master's use.

(The above is one of thirty-three chapters in the book, **STRANGE SHORT STORIES BY THE DOCTOR**, 123 pages, paper bound, which may be purchased for 75c from *Sword of the Lord Publishers*, Wheaton, Illinois.)

Crowns for Christians

Our restless hearts would fain cause us to flee from the trial, hoping for better conditions elsewhere, but we are called upon to be strong in the grace of endurance—to suffer in the flesh rather than yield to sin—to be persecuted even to death rather than to be disobedient to the heavenly vision—to be counted as the offscouring of the earth rather than to court the favor of men by unfaithfulness to Christ.

Should we to gain the world's applause,

Or to escape its harmless frown, Refuse to countenance Thy cause And make Thy people's lot our own,

What shame would fill us in that day, When Thou Thy glory wilt display.

How worth while will it all seem then, to have suffered in patience here, when we shine forth with Him when He comes, wearing the crown of life, the sign of His appreciation and approval! And if regrets are possible in heaven, how will we regret every cowardly effort to escape reproach, or every time that we, in weakness, yielded to temptation, preferring present enjoyment rather than future glory.

But the hope of the crown is not, in itself, incentive enough to keep us from unfaithfulness to Christ in this scene of testing. It is only as He, Himself, is the joy of our hearts and the present portion of our souls that we can resist the siren-lures of this false world, and go on in true devotedness counting all but loss in order that He may be magnified in us. And it is as our hearts are attached to Him where He is—up there in the glory of God—that we can spurn this world's empty glory. Some one has truly said, "No one can rightly put this world beneath his feet until he has seen a better world above his head." As we walk in the light of that world we shall indeed be able to sing from the heart.

We wait for Thee, content to share In patience, days of trial; So meekly Thou the cross didst bear,

Our sin, reproach, denial. How should not we receive with Thee

The cup of shame and sorrow Until the promised morrow?

That happy morn draws on apace. The only time we shall ever be permitted "to suffer for His sake," is nearly at an end! Let us then stand fast in the closing hours of the age of grace, assured that He for whom we wait is just at hand, and that the joy will be His as well as ours when we receive, if faithful unto death, the crown of life.

Eternal life is the gift of God, and is ours by faith upon believing. The crown of life is the reward for faithfulness, even though involving physical death.

"The Crown of Glory"

Of another crown we read in I Peter 5:1-4. He, who had been specially deputed to feed the lambs and sheep of Christ's flock writes,

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed; feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind, neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

Every word in this stirring exhortation is of moment, and may well be carefully weighed.

Note first of all that Peter though one of the chiefest apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, and one to whom a special revelation and particular mission had been given, claims no authoritative place over other servants of Christ. He is "also an elder." That is, he writes of himself as a "co-presbyter"—one with his fellow-presbyters. If Peter was the first Pope it is clear that he never knew it. He does not write as "the Holy Father" to whom others are in duty bound to be subject, but he exhorts his fellow-elders, as being himself one of their company.

It is true he had been privileged beyond most if not all of them. He had known the Lord, had accompanied with Him during His earthly ministry and had known Him after His resurrection. He had seen Him die—He was a witness (not a partaker) of His sufferings. He would share in the soon-coming glory.

Remembering the words of the risen Saviour, spoken so long ago that morning by the seaside, "Feed My lambs, shepherd My sheep," he passes on the exhortation to his brethren engaged in the work of ministering to the people of the Lord. Observe he bids them, "Feed the flock of God"—not, "Fleece the flock." Nothing can be more reprehensible than to think of a Christian church or assembly of believers as owing a living to the preacher or teacher who imparts the Word of life to them. He who thinks of the "ministry" as "one of the learned professions" and a mere means of livelihood, is on low ground indeed. The true minister of Christ is a man with a shepherd's heart who loves the flock and cares for them for the sake of Him who bought them with His blood. That they have responsibility to him is plain, but he looks not to them but to the Lord for his support.

And be it noted, the elders are not set over the flock (though indeed they are "over them in the Lord") but they are told to "feed the flock of God which is among you." It is true they are to lead the sheep, as in Hebrews 13:17, where we read,

"Obey them that have the rule over you [or, literally, that guide you], and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you."

In the assembly of God, if things are as they should be, there will be neither clerical pretension on the one hand nor anarchy on the other. The Christian company is a brotherhood where each should have in view the best interests of all the rest, and where all the gifts given by the great Head of the Church may be freely exercised for the blessing of the whole Church.

To some is given in a special way the service of oversight, and such are bidden to care for the rest not as by constraint, but willingly; that is, not as being pressed into a position from which a lowly man might well shrink but as gladly serving for Christ's sake, and although those who give their whole time to the ministry of the Word are to subsist upon what grateful saints gladly give (as unto the Lord) they are not to be controlled by covetousness, nor to serve for "filthy lucre."

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

This is being dictated just before the opening of the school year. Some students are already arriving. The prospects are bright for a wonderful year. We have noted a great deal of unrest throughout the country, but we have had more applications than we have ever had in the history of the school. We will have more dormitory students than we had last year. We need additional dormitories, and we hope to begin the construction of one very soon.

But here is what I really wish to say: We have had more requests for work/loan scholarships here this year than we have ever had in the history of the school. It looks as if approximately half of our dormitory students will have to have some kind of work/loan scholarship in order to get through school this year. Our records show that we have now on hand in this Fund approximately \$540,000. This means that we need \$460,000 more to reach the million-dollar goal. Now, my friends, I am earnestly appealing to you to help us. You cannot invest money anywhere that will pay greater dividends than money invested in the Student Loan Endowment Fund. Please send us a contribution, and please let us hear from you immediately. You who have helped us in the past, send another contribution now; but if you are not in position to make a gift to this Fund at this time, please write us and tell us what you will do by January 1. You friends who so far have not helped us help these young people get their training for Christian service at Bob Jones University.

ty, please help us now; but if you are not able now, please write us what you will do by January 1. We should like to know just exactly where we are because we want to go as far as possible to help these young people this year.

Now, here is another thing that we want every one of you to do. We want you to pray for Bob Jones University this school year as you have never prayed before in your life. My son Bob, the president of the school, and some of the executives have told me about the plan they have in mind to make this year, by the help of God, the most wonderful year spiritually we have ever had. There is only one problem in a school, and that is a spiritual problem. If Jesus Christ is put first, the academic standards will be all right. Bob Jones University wishes to focus the attention of the students and faculty and all of our friends on Jesus Christ in the pre-eminent place in this school. Our academic standards, especially in the fields of our emphasis, are as high as the academic standards of any school in America; but as far as Bob Jones University is concerned, it is Jesus first. Most of you are interested in that kind of a school; so pray for us and please help us help these young people by sending a contribution of some amount or writing us a letter telling us you will send a certain amount by January 1. Please let us hear from you and God bless you.

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Crowns for Christians

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Neither are they to "lord it over possessions." Notice that the word "God's" is in italics. The warning is really against regarding the saints as their own allotted portion.

Men speak (thoughtlessly often, no doubt) of "my church," or "my congregation," but this is practically to deny and to forget that it is "His church" and "the congregation of the Lord," to which they may be called to minister.

It has been pointed out often that the word for "heritage" is *Kleros*, from which we get our word "clergy." And here, paradoxical as it may seem, the *laymen are the clergy!* All God's people are His clergymen, according as it is written, "The Lord's portion is His people."

What a solemn thing then to lord it over such! But how grateful such should be and how responsive to those who feed them as Christ's under-shepherds who are called upon not only to minister the Word but to be examples (or models of behavior) to the flock.

Alas, that oft-times they find this a most thankless service. Their most earnest labors are frequently quite unappreciated and they can say with Paul, "The more abundantly I love you, the less I (am) loved." But the "pay-day" is coming! When the Chief Shepherd shall be manifested a crown of glory awaits every faithful servant who has cared for His lambs and sheep during His absence. The glory of this age passes away but the crown of glory is unfading and eternal.

Often, down here, the faithful servant is called on to bear reproach and shame, to have his good evil-spoken of, and his motives impugned. Men would crown him with thorns as they cruelly did to the Good Shepherd Himself—but even as He is now "crowned with glory and honor," so shall they who follow Him be, in that day.

Go, labor on; spend and be spent; Thy joy to do the Master's will, It is the way the Saviour went, Should not the saved one tread it still?

Then, when called to His judgment-seat to give an account of the souls committed to his care, how will the true under-shepherd rejoice as he hears the "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" Then shall the unfading glory-crown encircle the head that often ached because of ingratitude and lack of appreciation here on earth, and the unchanging brilliance of the wreath that tells of divine appreciation will cover the brow that once was worn with care.

Striving Lawfully

Having noticed the various names given to the crowns of reward, I would now desire to emphasize some exhortations and warnings in regard to them which we find in the New Testament.

We have already touched on the possibility of being disapproved at last if not careful to walk before God in self-judgment, keeping the physical appetites in subjection (1 Cor. 9:27). And we have glanced also at 2 John 8:

"Look to yourselves that ye lose not those things which we have wrought, but that ye receive a full reward."

It is self-evident then, that the reward is forfeitable, though eternal life is not. How then may we, perchance, labor in vain and fail of the proffered crown?

Let us notice 2 Timothy 2:5. In the A. V. we read,

"And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."

The 1911 Version (Oxford) translates this verse as follows:

"And if a man also contend in the games, yet is he not crowned if he have not observed the rules."

Here is a principle that is both important and far-reaching. The illustration is plain. In the athletic contests of the Greeks and Romans as amongst us to-day, there

were certain recognized demands to which each contestant must conform. A youth might be strong and vigorous and display great prowess and ability but if he failed to go by the rules of the game he was disqualified and could not receive the victor's wreath.

At the celebrated revived Olympian games held at Stockholm, Sweden, some years ago, a young Indian, James Thorpe, excelled all others in a number of contests of strength and skill. He won many medals and was the envy of scores of white athletes, who tried in vain to defeat him. When the King of Sweden bestowed the prizes upon him he took him by the hand and exclaimed, "You, sir, are the greatest amateur athlete in the world to-day!" It was a moment to be proud of, and the Indian could be excused if a feeling of gratified elation filled his breast at such a time. But after his return to America certain men began an investigation into his past, finally they discovered that one summer, while still a student in a Government School, Thorpe had played on a village baseball team for a few dollars a week. This fact disqualified him from entering an amateur contest. When it was put before the King, he had to write to the Indian demanding the return of his trophies. The poor lad was nearly heart-broken, but he sent all back and wrote a straightforward letter in which he begged His Majesty not to think too hardly of him, reminding the King that he was "an ignorant Indian boy," and did not know he was violating any rule in entering the games after having taken money for sport. But his ignorance of the requirements could not save him from losing his wrongly-bestowed honors. While no kindly person could feel other than sympathetic to Thorpe, yet all had to acknowledge the righteousness of the King's ruling.

And so will it be with those who are seeking after an incorruptible crown. The rewards will only be for those who "strive lawfully," who "have observed the rules" laid down in the Word of God.

There may be great self-denial, intense devotion, and deep earnestness, while after all one's entire program of life and service may be thoroughly unscriptural. Therefore the need of knowing the Bible and "going by the Book." Much that passes for Christian service to-day is merely fleshly activity. Much that is dignified as "Church work" is thoroughly opposed to the divine revelation as to the Church and its responsibilities. Much that is counted as evidence of spirituality is simply natural refinement, and in no sense the result of the inworking of the Spirit of God. Much that is "highly esteemed among men" is an "abomination in the sight of God."

The service which will meet His approval, and which will be rewarded at the judgment-seat of Christ, is that which is of the Holy Spirit in accordance with the Word of God. Nothing else will stand the test.

Men may weary themselves in seeking to "build up the cause," as it is called, and may display most commendable faithfulness to "principles" which they believe to be sound and right, only to find "in that day" that time and labor have gone for nought because they had no "thus saith the Lord" to warrant the efforts they have put forth. Our thoughts will not change God's Word.

It is of primary importance that the laborer devote much time to the prayerful conscientious study of his Bible, in order that his mind may be directed by the Truth, and that he may thus learn to readily detect what is contrary to sound instruction.

Otherwise he may have to look back with regret on wasted energies and wasted years that might all have been devoted to the glory of Christ, but were devoted to the building up of some unscriptural system instead, and therefore will be consumed when "the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."

The apostle did not want to

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"run in vain" nor "labor in vain." Nor should we. Rather let us seek to make every day count for God as we pray: "Order my steps in Thy Word."

"Respect for the Reward"

But shall we work with reward in view? Is not this selfish? Is it not better to ignore this matter al-

together and to work alone for Christ? These are questions often asked and not to be lightly turned aside.

Surely we would not have so many exhortations to see to it that we do not lose our reward if the Holy Spirit did not intend that we should have the crowns in view.

Of Moses we read that, *"By faith he, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he HAD RESPECT unto the RECOMPENSE of the REWARD."*—Heb. 11:24-26.

He weighed what Egypt could offer over against what God by His Word had promised to His people, and all Egypt's glory seemed lighter than air in comparison with the praise of God. Nor was it selfishness that thus led him to have "respect unto the recompense of the reward." He knew that God is glorified, as His people learn to esteem His favors in the right light.

Years ago, after the present writer had been speaking along the lines of truth indicated in these papers, a modest Christian woman came up to him and asked, "Am I to understand that you are working for reward, that you are look-

ing forward to receiving a crown?" "Yes," was the reply; "I should rejoice indeed to be crowned by Him whose servant I am, in that day." "Well," she exclaimed, "I am disappointed in you! I hoped you labored unselfishly out of pure love for Christ, and not with any expectation of reward. For myself, I only desire to please Him, and I am not at all interested in the crowns." "But, Madam," she was asked, "do you recall what we are to do with the crowns if we are so happy as to win them?" Instantly her face changed. "Oh," was the answer, "I had not thought of that. It does say somewhere—doesn't it?—that they cast their crowns at His feet!" "Yes, that is it! And how sad it would be to have no crown in that day. You see we do not—we shall not—take any credit to ourselves for work performed, for service rendered here on earth; for when we have done all, we can but say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do,' but we shall cast our crowns adoringly at His onepierced feet as we join in the song of praise, 'Tis Thou who art worthy, Lord Jesus. 'Tis Thou!' Her eyes filled with tears as she softly said, "I should indeed want a crown for that glorious occasion. I have been mistaken. I shall seek to labor for Him in view of the reward." And surely every blood-bought one instructed out of the

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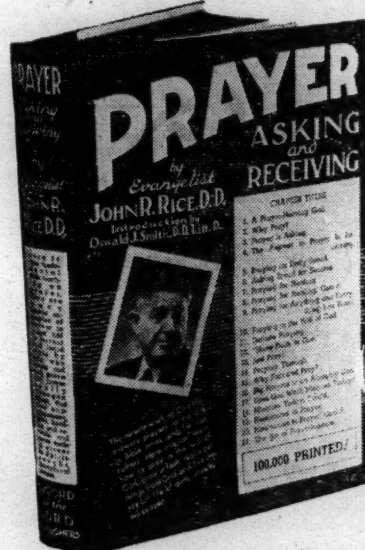
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God's Program in Revival

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stranger and fear not me, saith Jehovah of hosts. For I, Jehovah, change not." That is the judgment—holiness flaming forth against sin. "I will come in order to judge against the sorcerers." Here is a judgment of God against modern necromancy, superstition, spiritism. These are the counterparts of the sorcery and sorcerers of that ancient day. To what degree of superstition have we not fallen?

We call ourselves enlightened. We wear the name of Christ while we put trust in charms. We live under a scourge of fear, the number thirteen, seeing the moon over the right shoulder, beginning work on Friday, a black cat crossing the road! We carry a buckeye and rabbit foot for luck. We hang horseshoes over our doors, and trust in omens, little realizing that all these things are superstition and, as such, are idolatry. We consult fortune-tellers and spiritualistic mediums in an endeavor to obtain knowledge of future events, and obtain interviews with the dead, not knowing, or caring, that God has expressly forbidden this kind of traffic with the Evil One. For all such is a direct blow at the mediatorial office of Jesus Christ. (See Deut. 18:15).

The growth of traffic in spiritism in America is almost incredible. More books on spiritism are sold and read from our public libraries than books on almost any other subject. Every spiritualistic medium is both a child and an agent of the Devil. Even if they succeed in calling back the dead, remember that only the lost dead will hear their voice, or obey their summons. Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice, and a stranger will they not hear." Let me tell you now, that if, when I am dead, some old woman whose palm has been crossed by half a dollar, comes around to call me from my grave, I am not coming! I expect to come forth from my grave, but it will be at the summons of another Voice, in obedience to another mandate.

God is against adultery, whether the adultery be in act, desire, or in the public exposure of the body by thoughtless women under the mandates of a godless society with the intent and purpose (conscious or unconscious) to inflame imagination, arouse desire, and seduce from the path of virtue and integrity. God has pronounced His judgment upon women who mince in their walking, who wear pillows upon their armpits and bells upon their ankles, who expose themselves as targets of evil glances and unclean imaginations. (See Ezek. 13:18).

The revival will also have to do with wages, and rents, and service, and overcharging, and the driving of hard bargains, and extortion, and the taking advantage of helpless victims, such as widows and orphans and the stranger.

The revival, when it comes, will find you where you live, will correct the evil of your dealings, and sit in judgment upon false balances, and upon short measurements in your life. Do you wish a revival? Then in the name of God and for your soul's sake, prepare to meet God; prepare for judgment and reformation. God will not deal with you on any other terms.

The Place of Money in The Revival

The steps by which God progresses toward the perfect revival are altogether out of the ordinary. The very uncommonness of their character indicates that the method is of God. Who would think of bringing the question of money into a revival? Yet God thrusts it right into the very midst of His program.

"From the days of your fathers ye have turned aside from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith Jehovah of hosts. But ye say, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house, that there may be food in my

house and prove me now herewith, saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith Jehovah of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy for ye shall be a delightful land, saith Jehovah of hosts" (Mal. 3:7-12).

Remember the tragic death of Ananias and Sapphira. While God does not now always destroy physical life, yet we know that there are about us on every hand scores of men and women whose spiritual life has died; a death attendant upon the withholding from God of that which He justly claims of their money. The law of God for Christians is recorded in I Corinthians 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as he may prosper." Here is the divine proportion. Blessing always attends upon obedience and spiritual blight follows inevitably in the wake of disobedience.

There is the closest association between giving and spirituality. The liberal soul shall be made fat and a penurious man belies his confession of faith. I have never known a tither who was a backslider. Nor have I known any tither who did not increase in spirituality and abound in an increasing joy in the service of God. I do not propose to indicate here the many arguments there are for tithing, nor the many blessings that flow from it, but simply to leave the matter where God leaves it in this third chapter of Malachi—that to withhold the tithe is to rob God, and invite the curse of disobedience. To return to the service of God in the rendering of the tithe in obedience to His law, both of the Old and the New Testament, both for the kingdom of Israel and the Church of Christ, is to assure God's return in blessing. Let me give you two illustrations:

Some years ago I was preaching in Western Pennsylvania for seven days in a country district to about eighty people. In that group was one family, the wife and mother of which became tremendously stirred spiritually. She accepted my teaching on soul winning, on tithing, on testimony. She began to buy devotional books, which she read, first for herself, then to her family. Following this, she established a kind of a circulating library among her neighbors. She began to give her testimony, to tithe her income. She found God true to His promises. That year she won eleven of her former neighbors to Christ. She became personally responsible for her church increasing the salary of her pastor, providing him with five hundred dollars and a three months' vacation in order that he might have a much-needed operation. Her own spiritual life and activities grew to the point where it became a matter of faith and duty for her to arrange the household and farm-duties so that they might be attended to in the mornings and so leave her the afternoons free for Christian service.

Two years later I was preaching in another part of Pennsylvania—forty or fifty miles distant. This woman and her family drove across country to hear one of the messages. At the close of the service she came with her husband to me and said: "Do you like apples?" When I pleaded guilty, she said: "Well, I will send you a barrel, for we have the finest in our country." I saw that that was not all there was to be said about those apples, so I expressed a proper amount of curiosity.

"Our apple trees are the only trees in our country that were not sprayed against the San Jose scale," said the woman. I expressed my surprise in a question: "Why did you not spray?" I asked. "Well," she said, "that is not what you taught me. Two years ago you taught us from the Word of God that if we brought our tithes into

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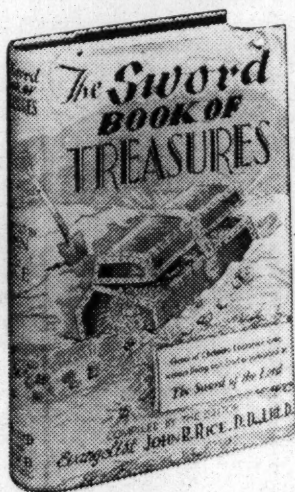
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Around the World

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of condensing and in a few cases it might be desirable to do a small amount of editing to make the thoughts go over to the Japanese. "I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your splendid help in the publication of many of your books. The two on *Heaven and Hell* have been the best sellers. I have had the privilege of distributing over 600 of them in this area (Niigata City) alone. These vital subjects are of special interest to the Japanese.

"Last year I subscribed to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, but have not received it for several weeks. I would appreciate your checking with the circulation department on this. It may be that my subscription is up. If so, please let me know, as I want to renew it."

"Your brother in Christ,
"(Signed) Rev. W. A. Powell
"Japan, Niigata Ken, Niigata Shi, Futaba
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Another young man from Japan wrote to us, and I had my secretary write him. He is anxious to have further information about Christianity, so I had him sent *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, believing that some earnest Christian would be glad to pay for it through the Ministers and Missionaries Subscription Fund. Here is his letter in reply.

"Dear Miss Viola Walden and Rev. (Dr.) Rice:

"I am very pleasure to have your letter and sent me weekly paper, *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. "You should see how proud I look *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. Father says I look as if I had the whole world to myself and that is just what I feel.

"Many thanks for making me the happiest boy in the world.

"I go to church every Sunday with my friends. Our church is Kyoei Tuipisto School in the Tsurumai Park. Miss (name written in Japanese characters) is our pastor. She lives in Tomidahama's (name written in Japanese characters). She loves us very much and teach us about Bible.

"I know Rev. Timothy Pietsch, but Rev. Fred is not in Tokyo, he came back his country.

"I read *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* with enjoyable. I showed it my friends.

"I remembered next world:— "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

"Thank you indeed.
"Good-bye sir."

What a privilege to put the gospel every week into that Japanese family when the young man shows it to all his friends. How much less expensive it is to get the gospel into Japan than to have to fight Japan.

I have other letters I wish I could publish. One is from a young minister in New Brunswick, led astray, he says, by the modernism in a denominational theological school. "But through the Spirit's leading, your ministry in St. John, articles in *THE SWORD*, and prayer, I am again praising Him," he says. "I had decided to give up the ministry last fall, and took a job in St. John. Time and again God repeated His call, finally using you. Now you can understand why you and your work are especially dear to me." Now he and his wife are settled in the parsonage, with three Baptist churches. We are so glad that the blessed revivals God gave us in New Brunswick, and *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, saved the ministry of this young man who had been led astray by modernism and had quit the ministry but now is again in the service with his faith restored. May God give him many souls!

Last December, Sonny Shenk, member of a Youth for Christ team in Europe, sent \$15 for subscriptions for pastors, laymen, businessmen and a seminary student who reads English, for *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. May God bless these Europeans reading *THE SWORD*. W. F. Craane of the Import-Export Commission, Aruba, N. W. I., wrote us in June saying:

"Dear Dr. Rice:
"The object of this letter is to inform you that your weekly is a great blessing to me and that many of your articles are being translated by me in papiamentu for the use of our evangelical group here.

"My wish is that the Lord will keep your weekly till His return, presenting always the unadulterated gospel.

"With kindest Christian greetings.

"Your friend in Christ,
"(Signed) W. F. Craane"

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From Jamaica in the British West Indies we have a letter written last June during Letter Month which shows how *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, given as a gift subscription, has a great impact on a missionary's life. We quote the letter as follows:

"Dear Brother Rice,
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"Brother Enos Brubacher who carries your books in his Light and Life Store in Elmira, Ontario, Canada, very kindly subscribed for me last year and renewed again this year. Recently I told him that he would never know what a blessing this paper has been to me and to my people here in Jamaica.—How good and faithful our God is. Brother Brubacher and wife came in to a new place with the Lord through our ministry while pastoring in Elmira, and now the Lord uses him to bless us so much through your paper while carrying a heavy load here in Jamaica.—

"Brother Rice, we do sincerely thank God for *The Sword of the Lord* and for the dear consecrated workers who share in its publication from the editor to wrapper and mailer. Before we left Canada two-and-a-half years ago, I used to frequently go off alone in the bush with my Bible and some *Swords* and while fasting and praying, devour the contents. It kept the vision of souls before me in the difficult years of waiting to come to the field, when God tested us to the limit and shook everything loose that was shakeable. It made me hunger after God as perhaps nothing else and then showed me how to have my hunger satisfied. Just before we left for Jamaica I was able to hear you and some of the dear evangelists in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and again I was greatly challenged and blessed. In fact it was that service and a Youth for Christ service in Hamilton, Ontario, which I attended while en route home to Elmira that challenged me to step out and come to Jamaica with a wife and three kiddies and only ten dollars a month promised support. Now that we are here in the thick of the fight God is maintaining the fires that He kindled in those days, and again through *THE SWORD*. Some copies I cannot give up, I must keep, but others I pass on to the elders of our several churches at our United Leaders' Meetings. I know that they are greatly blessed as well and in turn the people are blessed through their ministry. Let me give you one concrete example:

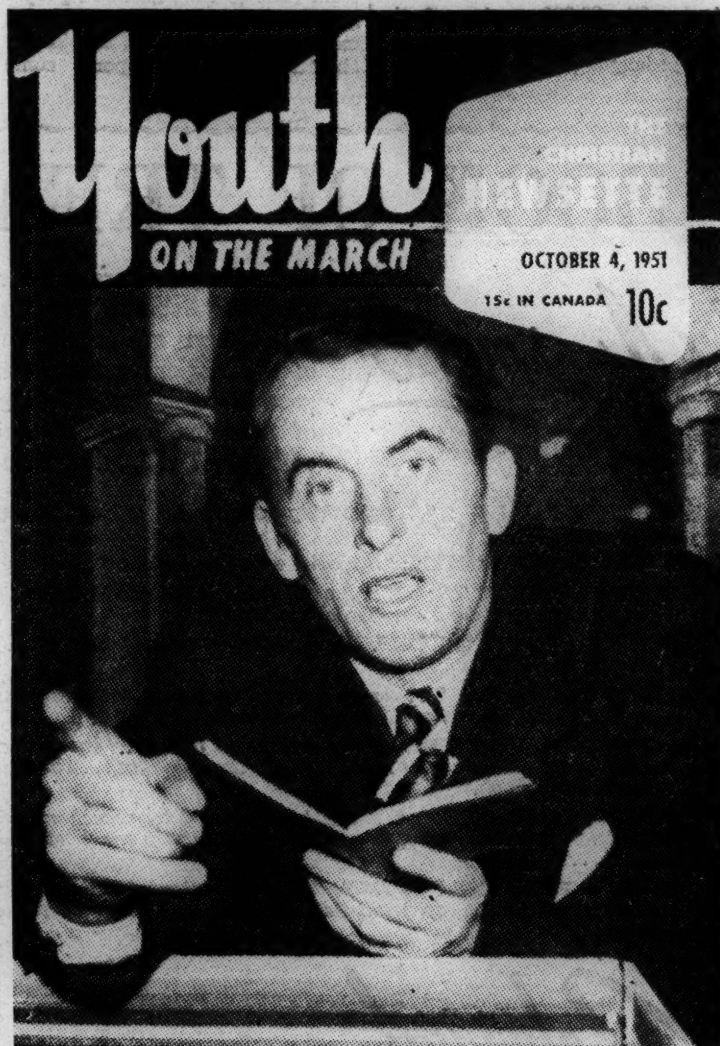
"Of late our churches have been

cooling off. Some of our leaders have been getting careless and others discouraged. At our United Leaders' Meeting the other day I read part of Jack Shuler's sermon on 'Withered Hands' and with it pressed home Isaiah 64:7: 'There is none that stirreth up himself to take hold on God.' Our men were smitten and most were in tears. As we made new plans for the work and as our men turned their faces back to their churches in the mountains of St. Thomas, it was with new consecration and vision and love burning in their souls. We had a members' meeting in one of those churches yesterday and the fire that their three delegates carried home is spreading. One of the men had his ankle smashed very badly a few months ago, but in spite of it has been hobbling up and down those steep hills leading other workers in visitation. I was one of those workers and rejoiced to see his renewed zeal and fervor. I have not received the final record yet but souls have been saved and backsliders restored, and the end is not yet. We have just been able to put one of our Bible School grad-

uates in that church to speed on and pastor that good work. Thank God for Jack Shuler and these other men of God. We are praying for them in our churches. We followed Brother Bill to Africa with our prayers and rejoiced at God's blessing on his trip.

"I am especially grateful for the messages from the lives of those great preachers who have gone before wherein 'they being dead yet speak.' I believe this to be a fine and valued service on your part and I am sure that I voice the sentiments of many readers. We younger men have not had the privilege of personally hearing many of the 'old-time evangelists' and now many of these mighty sermons are out of print.

"I cannot forget to thank you as well for your own messages on soul winning and revival and your letters of counsel to various ones. We are praying especially for you, Brother Rice, that God will continue to give you grace and wisdom in editing every number and in your revival work. Now there is more I could say, but I had better stop my sermon with 'Thank (Continued on page 10)



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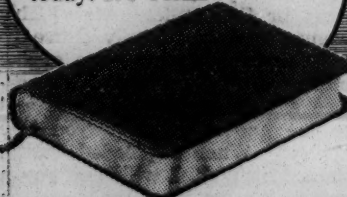
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Life -- Joy -- Pleasure

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dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" In our own language, He was saying, "Why Martha, you don't know who you are talking to. I can raise a dead man, and I can give him life. Martha, don't you believe that?" And as they stepped up to the tomb of that dead man and Christ told them to roll away the stone from the tomb, Martha still did not believe. She said, "Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days." The Lord rebuked her, then He stepped up to that tomb and said, "Lazarus, come forth." And that man who had been dead for four days got up and came out of that tomb. He was now alive. Christ said, "Loose him, and let him go." Thank God, that is the kind of a Christ that I want!

I was a sinner, too. For twenty-

two years I was without Christ. Oh, yes, I went to church, and I gave my nickels and my dimes; I went to prayer meetings, even taught a Sunday School class, and was a leader of the Young People, but I was not saved. One day I heard the gospel in an old-fashioned revival meeting, and I accepted Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour. He saved me. He forgave me of all of my sins, and, thank God, He gave me life. Christ can give you everlasting life, too, if you will only trust Him as your Saviour.

Christ said in John 5:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is (that means right now) passed from death unto life."

I was in a meeting in California. A man and his wife came to the revival who had lived terrible lives, and had gone to the depth of sin. They would give their daughter work to do in order to keep her away from church. Because of the terrible conditions in the home this young teen-age girl had to finally leave home and live with the neighbors. When the mother and father came to the revival one night, I preached on sin, and the Holy Spirit began to work on their hearts. But that night they went home mad. They told me later that the man said when he got home, "I am not going back to that church again. Somebody must have tipped that preacher off, because everything that he said was about me."

His wife wanted to come on Sunday morning but she did not ask him. When it came time for the service, he said, "Well, come on, I will go to church with you." That night I preached on Hell, and presented the picture of the man in Luke 16:19-31, who was pleading for a drop of water to cool his tongue, as he was tormented in the flames of Hell. When I gave the invitation for those who wanted to trust Christ as their

Saviour from sin and Hell, both this man and his wife stepped out. I do not believe that there was a dry eye in the audience as this couple walked to the prayer room. Everyone knew the kind of life that they had lived. They were gloriously saved that night, and their entire lives and home was changed. As I talked to them later, they were rejoicing in the Lord, and told the pastor and I how happy they were, how their home had been changed. They now had their daughter back with them, and are making plans for her to attend the Bible School that she had been anxious to attend. The difference was that they had received Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and He had not only saved them, but had given them everlasting life.

Do you have life? Trust Christ right now, and He will give you that life.

Joy

Not only will Christ give you life, but notice what the Bible says: "In thy presence is fullness of JOY." Some people say, "I do not want to become a Christian because you do not have any joy." But friend, notice what it says; "In thy presence is FULLNESS OF JOY." There is a little chorus that expresses this in a very simple way.

If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy,
Let Jesus come into your heart.

Your sins He'll wash away,
Your night He'll turn to day,
Your life—He'll make it over anew.

If you want joy, real joy, wonderful joy,
Let Jesus come into your heart.

If you do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, then you do not know

what real joy is. And the thing that gets under my skin is to see some of these professing Christians walking around with a long, sour, disgusted look on their faces. You would think that they had lost their last friend, or that their mother-in-law had come to stay. If anyone ought to be happy and show some joy, it is the person who knows Christ as his Saviour.

Some people—you may be one of them—say; "I would like to be a Christian, but I am afraid I can't hold out." I can show you a verse of Scripture that shows you that you do not have to "hold out," but that when you receive Christ as your Saviour, He is the one who does the holding, and the same verse also tells of the joy in your soul as Christ holds your hand. "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

In Luke, chapter 19, is the story of Zacchaeus who, though sinful as he was, wanted to see Jesus, but he could not because of the crowd. He was a little runt and could not see over the crowd, but he had the determination to see Jesus in spite of all the people. I like that in a person. So Zacchaeus climbed up into a sycamore tree. (He got above the crowd; and that is the only place that you will find Christ.) And as Jesus came by, he looked up to where Zacchaeus was sitting, called him by name, and said, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house." And then the Bible says, "And he (Zacchaeus) made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully." Notice, he received Christ JOYFULLY. I believe that Zacchaeus was saved sliding down that sycamore tree, because he "received Christ," and John 1:12 says,

"As many as received him, (Christ) to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." He received Christ and he received him JOYFULLY.

If you will receive Christ, He will give you the joy that the world cannot give and cannot take away. Christ can put a joy in your heart and a smile on your face. Someone has said that it takes sixty-five muscles in your face to frown, and only thirteen to smile. But only Christ can put joy in your heart and take the wrinkles from your face. Are you looking for real lasting, deep, and satisfying joy? Then why not trust Christ right now, and he will save you, and give you real JOY. Real Joy is Jesus and You with nothing between.

Pleasure

And the third thing that nearly everyone is seeking is pleasure. Most folks will not give their soul one thought. All they desire is to "have a good time." The world is "Hell bent, and happy free," pleasure mad, and many of you will doom and damn your soul in Hell for the pleasures of this world. I do not believe in telling the young people, and the older folks either, that they should not go to the places of amusement that the world has to offer, simply because I want to tell them that, "You do not have any fun there, or you do not have any pleasure there." I would never tell a person that, because it is not true. They do have fun and pleasure. The Bible says that there is "pleasure" in sin. In Hebrews 11:25 it is said of Moses, as a young man, that he chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." But notice; there is pleasure in sin, sure, but

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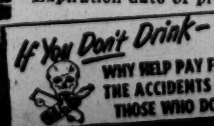
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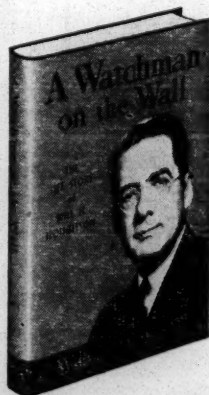


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"...I want to call down upon you and your workers the holy, loving, uplifting blessing of the Holy Ghost for your grand Christ-like kindness in sending me so regularly THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I get some fine Heaven-sent blessings from every issue and I praise our loving Jesus that souls are being saved by it."

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sell our books throughout the British Isles.

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"Dear Editor,
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"Your papers have been arriving regularly. I must say this, that I am thrilled with it. The sermons are God-honoring, moving, and above all, they stir one into real, definite action. Dr. Rice's articles on soul winning have moved me to the very depths. I was moved to tears, to prayer, to consecration, to action, to holy longing.

The papers have been loaned to others. They tell me also of blessing.

"Dr. Rice's article some time ago on 'My Greatest Sin—and Yours Is Prayerlessness,' was read and passed on to others about thirty miles away from me. It brought a little group of believers to their knees. They prayed, prayed every night for a week. I went along to visit them. They told me how crushingly true that article was. That Sunday night I had the joy of seeing three souls saved, but it was that article on prayerlessness that did it.

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must it be even to attend those wonderful conferences you grand folks have over there!

"I pray earnestly and regularly for Dr. Rice now. If the Lord tarry I hope God will spare him to you for a long time.

"Many thanks again for those soul-stirring papers.

"The Lord bless you.
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God's Program in Revival

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the store-house He would rebuke the devourer for our sakes, that the fruit should not be cast before her time. Now," she went on, "we have been giving God our tithe. We took Him at His word."

Then her face lightened up with a great light. "The San Jose scale came to the very foot of the hill on which our orchard is planted," she said, "but it did not cross the fence, and we have the finest apples in the county." Can you beat that? There was a perfect specimen of productive faith issuing in revival. For, faith, my friends, is not belief in a fact, but obedience to a fact. Faith in God is obedience to God and the obedience of faith always provokes and deepens the blessings of grace.

The other illustration of the faithfulness of God was told me by a Philadelphia minister who said that Dr. Russell Conwell one night at prayer-meeting asked if there were any tithers present who had tithed through a series of years? Seven people stood up. Dr. Conwell asked for a testimony from each one of them especially in emphasis of the fact of God's faithfulness in blessing them. Six gave radiant testimonies of blessings received. The seventh was a frail, grey-haired woman who spoke with much reluctance:

"I wish I could bear such testimony," she said, "but I cannot. I have skimmed and saved and denied myself through the years in order to keep a vow made many years ago that I would tithe my income. But now I am old and I am losing my position. I have no means of support. I do not know what I shall do." She sat down and the meeting was closed in the midst of a profound and distressing chill.

Next day Dr. Conwell had an invitation from Mr. John Wanamaker to lunch with him. At the table Mr. Wanamaker said: "Dr. Conwell, I think you would be interested to know that we are about to inaugurate a pension system for our employees. We have contemplated it for years. Finally the plan has been worked out, and we are to issue our first life pension today to a woman who has served our firm for twenty-five years." He mentioned the name of this woman and it was that of her who had given her pessimistic testimony in the prayer-meeting the night before! I tell you, God is faithful!

Finally

Upon these conditions, God promises revival. "All nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightful land." Now God challenges all to correct their attitude and their expressions. Yet frequently members of the Church have said: "What is the use?" Too frequently Christian obligations and Christian privilege have been held in light esteem. For ourselves and our children we make the wrong men and wrong measures the symbols and expressions of success. We have called the proud, happy. We have been envious of the wicked as we have seen them built up. We said: "There seems to be no difference between the people of God and the people of the world."

We have pointed our children to men, as conspicuous for their godlessness as they are for their worldly and material success, as

leaders and examples whose lives and labours are worthy of emulation, as between a rich, wicked man and a poor, godly man. Somehow we manage to convey to our children an impression of admiration for the rich and of pity or contempt for the poor; we create in their minds lasting esteem for those who make worldly success the criterion of honor and the merit of emulation. With what passion we pursue the effort to find entrance into worldly society for ourselves and our children; to obtain for them the influence, the favour, the association of godless people! With what persistence we pursue the honors, emoluments and attentions of the world! And with what fatal spiritual results! It were folly to make distinctions, for ourselves and for our children, between the unrewarded way of righteousness and the path of ease, comfort, prosperity and worldly approval, designated by our Lord as the broad way which leads to destruction.

Surely when the revival comes there will be a new ability and conviction of spiritual discernment followed by social and commercial separations. The children of God will be called out to separate lives, knowing that "evil communications corrupt good manners," that "two cannot walk together except they be agreed." We shall cease to call the proud happy and to bring into question the virtue of Christian faith and the value of holy living. Piety will no longer be held in contempt. Goodness will be revalued as of supreme importance, and the highway of holiness will be quoted as the way of supreme desire and of supreme good.

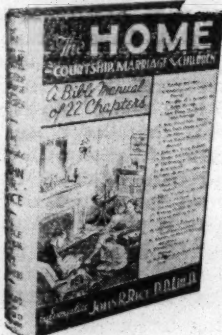
The Revival Breaks Out

"Then they that feared Jehovah spake often one with another: and Jehovah hearkened and heard." Here is the reconciliation of differences, the healing of estrangements. Friends, long separated by grievances, are reunited. Grace, to speak one to another, is found. Christian conversation long lost is renewed. The testimonies of the Lord spring gladly to the lips and distinctions between the godly and the ungodly are made thereby. Family altars are rebuilt; religious instruction is given by parents to children. Anxiety for the lost; concern for the erring; efforts to win souls; the confession of faults; the singing of songs; the offering of prayers—how familiar it all sounds! How often it all needs to be repeated! How joyous the experience!

Yes, this is what God proposes and what God will undertake for us when we get right with Him. He is in our midst; His all-seeing eye searches us out; He moves in the midst of the candlesticks; He waits to renew the supply of oil, or to remove the candlestick. It is not His will to quench the burning wick, nor to break the bruised stick. He will strengthen, quicken, renew, enlarge. And He would begin now—today. Are you willing to have the revival on His conditions, and according to His proportions? For, remember, He gives His Spirit without measure, and His cup is an overflowing cup, and His joy an abounding joy.

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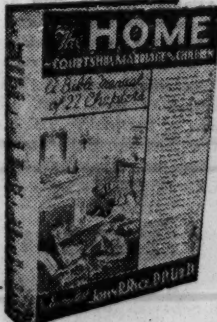
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how long does it last? for "a season." A few hours, overnight, and then all you have left is a headache. But, thank God, our text says, "At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." And I would rather have something that lasts a little longer, wouldn't you?

Listen to the words of the Bible, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." (I John 2:15-17). You cannot love the pleasures of this world and love the Lord Jesus Christ too. But in Christ there are pleasures that will never pass away.

Some people say that you cannot have fun when you are a Christian. I have been a Christian

for a little over nine years, but I have had more real fun during the last nine years than all the rest of my life put together.

And I have been on both sides of the track too. I know what the score is. I know what it is to stay out until three or four o'clock in the morning in the roadhouses, dancing. I did not go dancing to the so-called nice places for my dancing, but I went to the places out by the side of the road. I would dance until the early hours of the morning, then go to Sunday School, and get up and sing, "Oh, how I love Jesus!" Dirty, rotten hypocrite! I didn't love Jesus at all. I would drop in my nickel at church, and I thought that I had done the Lord a favor. I would sleep through the sermon—just like you do—, then go about my business.

Now don't tell me that I did not have a good time out there on Saturday night, because I did. But, how long did it last? Just a short

time. Just a few hours—over night. Then the fun was all gone. But thank God, when I accepted Christ as my own personal Saviour, He gave me real pleasure that the world can never offer. Why go to the world for pleasure that will vanish with the hours, when Christ can give you real pleasure and fun that the ages themselves will never take away?

This last war cost us something. There were 265,000 American boys killed during the last war. That does not include the wounded, mangled, and the missing ones, nor does it include our allies. But American boys—265,000 of them. You say, "Oh, what a terrible cost!" But wait a minute. Do you know how many people were killed in automobile accidents right here in the United States during the same time? Not 265,000 but 350,000. And nearly everyone of those 350,000 who were killed was a result of one little word—FUN. Seeking a good time. Hell bent, happy free, caring not for their souls, nor the souls of others, and they ended up with their bodies in coffins, and their souls in Hell.

By the way, how do you spell funeral? F-U-N-E-R-A-L. Notice the first three letters—F-U-N. Check your newspapers tomorrow morning and see just how many funerals are a result of that one little word, FUN.

Friend, are you looking for real fun, real pleasure? Trust Christ as your Saviour from sin, and He will give you the pleasure that your heart has been seeking, and "pleasures for evermore." I wouldn't trade Jesus Christ for all the pleasures in the world. You can walk the streets of this city, or any other city, and see men and women of all ages, from every walk of life, on whom the "pleasures of sin" have left their marks; but the Lord Jesus Christ died to save you from sin, and if you are willing to receive Him as your own personal Saviour, He will forgive you of all of your sins, and will give you real inward joy and pleasure that the world can never take away.

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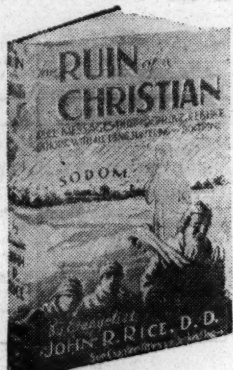
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He's sweeter than honey from out the comb.
He's all that my hungering spirit needs;
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.*

*Than to be the King of a vast domain;
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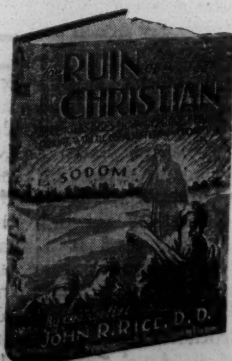
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Word will echo her sentiment.

It is well to remember how, while on earth, He was in the habit of saying (as the tense actually implies), "It is more blessed to give than to receive." So it will add to His joy to be able to bestow upon His victorious saints the rewards which He has prepared beforehand for them. He would have each one to be numbered among those who keep the word of His patience and overcome the world, in order that, having suffered with Him, they may reign with Him in the glory of the coming displayed Kingdom.

When He comes forth to reckon with His servants, and "to see what each one hath gained by trading" with the talents or pounds entrusted to him, it will be His delight to recognize what His grace has wrought in them by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. In honoring them He is really glorifying the Father's name and His own name. Who in that day would be willing to miss His "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord?" And what satisfaction it will give to the one who has toiled on amid difficulty for Him in the day of His rejection when He says, "Thou hast been faithful in a few things; I will make thee ruler over many."

And yet it is not merely for crowns we labor, but that we may please Him who hath called us to be His soldiers. His approval will make up for all man's misunderstandings and persecutions. "Therefore we labor, that whether present or absent, we may be acceptable to Him."

But sometimes we fail to realize how appreciative He is of little things, of hidden devotion, of faithfulness in the daily round. We are too apt to think we must "do some great thing," serve in some public capacity, to earn the victor's wreath. But this is a mistake. He values all that is done out of love for Him whether it be seen of men or not.

I recall a burdened little mother who said to me once, "I cannot win a crown, for I have no opportunity to serve as I would like. In college I had dreams of a life devoted to Christ's work. I was a 'student volunteer' and expected to become a missionary, but about the time I graduated I met Charlie, and soon we were married. That ended my dreams of going out as a herald of the cross. In the years that have past, ill-health, the rearing of six children, and much ill-fortune financially have made it impossible for me to do anything for the Lord, and so I can never win a crown!" But I pointed out that the godly testimony of a devoted wife and mother, the rearing of a family for God, the example of a holy and consistent life—these were in the sight of God of great price, for these there is sure reward. And so indeed it is. The busiest mother

can run the Christian race and thus win the incorruptible crown. The feeblest invalid can help to show someone the way of peace and so obtain the crown of rejoicing. The most poverty-stricken saint can love His appearing and gain the crown of righteousness. The humblest sufferer can be so devoted to Christ as to earn a crown of life. And anyone who in any way ministers to the sheep or lambs of Christ's flock will surely receive the crown of glory when the Chief Shepherd shall appear.

What is needed is a heart for Christ. He will use all who are willing to let Him have His way with them. He who has saved by grace will surely reward in that day for the least service done for His own.

And now in closing may I affectionately press upon the Christian reader the Lord's own solemn warning to the Philadelphian church:

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."—Rev. 3:11.

Observe: no one can rob me of my salvation. Of this there is abundant evidence in Scripture. But another may take my crown if I prove faithless to the trust committed to me.

Each believer is a servant as well as a son. To each is given some special gift and some particular line of service. It may be of either a public or a private nature. But it is a stewardship committed to him of the Lord, and "it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful." If I do not exercise the ministry allotted to me, in humble dependence on the Holy Spirit that I may fulfil it faithfully, I may be set aside as a servant, and another be called to complete my work. And so I will lose my crown.

We have read of the tract distributor who, becoming discouraged because of apparent lack of appreciation, gave up his lowly service, and learned twenty years after of one saved through a tract given out on the last day in which he did that work, who had taken it up himself as a ministry to needy men and after that long lapse of time met his benefactor and presented him with a tract. As a result a conversation sprang up which showed how the convert had taken the other's place, and the older man exclaimed with regret, "I see: I have let you take my crown!"

Let us remember, God is going to carry on His work in some way and by some instrumentality. May it be ours not to shirk responsibility but to say (and do) with Isaiah,

"Here am I; send me."

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TAXATION WHEN THEY COMPETE DIRECTLY WITH INDIVIDUALS OVER THE NATION. THAT WOULD BE PUTTING THE GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND POWER OFFICIALLY BACK OF SUCH COOPERATIVES, AND SO OFFICIALLY FIGHTING AGAINST COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE. THAT IS DEFINITELY UN-AMERICAN, IT WORKS AGAINST FREEDOM, IT GIVES GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER TOO MANY PEOPLE. IT IS SOCIALISM AND TENDS TOWARD GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND OWNERSHIP. LET FARMERS ORGANIZE, BUT NOT TO MAKE A RACKET OUT OF THEIR ORGANIZATION SO THAT THE REST OF US MUST SUPPORT THE FARMERS BY TAXATION. THAT IS MORALLY WRONG AND ECONOMICALLY DANGEROUS. IF A COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION CANNOT SAVE MONEY FOR FARMERS IN THE COMPETITIVE WORLD WITH FREE ENTERPRISE, THEN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COOPERATIVES IS NOT GOOD MANAGEMENT AND THERE IS NO ESSENTIAL ECONOMIC REASON FOR HAVING SUCH COOPERATIVES. TO RELEASE ONE CLASS OF PEOPLE FROM TAXATION AND LET THE REST OF US PAY THEIR EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT IS FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG.

3. I DO NOT believe in government control of either farming or industry. I do not believe that the government should say how many acres each farmer should plant in this or that. I do not believe that governments should guarantee high prices to farmers nor guarantee low prices to consumers. That meddles with God's fundamental law of supply and demand. It is expensive. It provides more and more parasites in the government to be supported by taxation, and it tends to enslave the people. Primarily the reason for it is to make votes for a socialistic government. Farmers ought to be able to earn a living like everybody else. I lived on the farm and I would never have thought it proper to be on government relief to get more money than I could earn otherwise. We are supporting millions of people now on the government payrolls who spend their time meddling with such business and do it inefficiently and wastefully, when every farmer, with plenty of information available about the demand of probable prices for certain crops, could plan his own farming operations, make good money, have less taxes, and have a freer America. Nobody is compelled to farm. There are good jobs open all over the country. If a man cannot compete with others in farming he should quit farming and do something else. There is a Bible law that people should earn their bread with the sweat of their brow, a Bible law that those who do not work should not eat, a Bible law that a man's rewards should be in proportion to his work. Artificial control with subsidies, allotments, taken by legal force from other hardworking people, for farmers in order to get their votes, is fundamentally wrong and un-American, in my humble judgment.

I am for the farmers. But when it is the farmers against the American people, then I am for the American people.

4. In my judgment, one of the most dangerous features of this New Deal, Fair Deal legislation and program is that it arrays class against class. These socialist demagogues of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations deliberately set out to make racial issues and set race against race in order to get the votes of the colored people. They set out to set labor against capital in order to get the votes of labor. They set out to set farmers against "big business" in order to get the votes of farmers. In every case they play for the group with the largest votes, in every controversy. They stir up controversies and then take the sides of the group that will have the

most votes. That is fundamentally immoral, and is dangerous to America.

For example, in your letter three times you spoke of the "wealthy capitalists." You think the farmers have to have government help not to be downtrodden by capitalists; that labor unions have to have government help not to be abused and exploited by capitalists! But in that you use a terminology which has been deliberately developed by socialistic demagogues and I fear by the very people who are insisting on farm cooperatives and government bonus paid by us hard-working citizens to farmers. That term "wealthy capitalists" is a catchy phrase but it is not a true one and its implications are utterly wrong. First, every farmer who owns his farm invests in seed and machinery, and hires a hired man is a capitalist. The man who owns a hamburger stand is a capitalist. The man who runs a little plumbing shop or a laundry is a capitalist. The man who runs a grocery store is a capitalist. Capitalists are just owners of property who save and invest their money in a business. The shoeshine man who owns his own little stand is a capitalist. The paper boy who rides his bicycle on a paper route is a capitalist. Capitalism is simply the system of free enterprise taught in the Bible, which involves the private ownership of property, saving of money and investing it or using it to make a living. Private ownership instead of government ownership is capitalism.

Again that phrase, "wealthy capitalists" is misleading, because capitalists are just people. They are not banded together. They are really most of us. Even the laborer who works with any profit-sharing basis is a capitalist. The laborer who buys a \$100 share in a business is a capitalist.

A farmer capitalist does not join in with other capitalists as such; he joins in with other farmers. A groceryman capitalist does not join in with other capitalists as such to browbeat "the lower classes." He simply joins in with other men of like interests to promote the grocery business.

There are sometimes excesses by capitalists. For example, some farmers do not pay good wages to farm hands. That is not the problem of the system. In fact, the system always tends to correct such things. The law of supply and demand means that sooner or later someone else will pay that laborer more and hire him away. The capitalistic system always tends toward freedom and better income as long as more machinery is used and better methods are adopted. On the other hand the socialistic system always tends to enslave the people and bring more poverty and more trouble as it has already in England and in Russia.

You talk about the farmers keeping their place as "middle class people." That is the wrong kind of term. I resent it. I came from the farm. I do not believe that some classes of people are essentially below me. I dead sure do not believe that there is any class of people who are essentially better than I and my people are. I am an American! That means that if I work hard enough and have enough brains I can make a million dollars, or run for the United States Senate, or be a college professor or own and run a big, successful farm. The whole idea of separate classes of people is abhorrent to the American way of life and it is wrong to encourage any such thoughts, in my judgment. Coming from a very poor family, and in a very hard time of financial depression, I worked my way through college and university, became a college teacher, and could earn a place, I trust, in any strata of American society that seemed worth the effort. And every boy and every girl ought to feel that this is a country of opportunity and that he is just as good as anybody else essentially, depending on his own character and merits and attainments. There is no one class of people in America that need

be called a lower class and no class that need be called an upper class or middle class, except as judged by the aristocracy of merit and the degeneracy of sin and laziness and ignorance.

You are certainly right when you say, "If E. Stanley Jones and his colleagues really want to make this world a better place to live in, they had better repent of their modernistic unbelief and preach the gospel of salvation through the blood of Christ." And if a man have Christ he is not a slave but a prince, the son of a king. And real Christianity will make people act like brothers instead of like members of different classes, with farmers fighting other groups and laborers fighting capital, and black people fighting white people.

I am deeply grateful for your letter and your kindly spirit. I hope this letter will clear up my own position and help others. I believe it is the Christian and the American position.

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